

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether national and international bids were invited for exploration of oil and gas by ONGC recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to accord priority to domestic companies in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the time by which production is likely to be commenced in those exploratory wells?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

- (a) : Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has not invited national and international bids for exploration of oil and gas.
- (b) to (f) : Do not arise in view of (a) above.